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Mr. Bertram Schultz
909 Linn Harbor Ct.
Tarpon Springs, Florida 34689

Dear Mr. Schultz:

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

This is in reply to your letter to Congressman Michael Bilirakis regarding the Notice of Proposed Rule Making (Notice) in PR Docket No. 92-235, 57 FR 54034 (1992). This Notice proposes comprehensive changes to the Commission's Rules governing the private land mobile radio services operating in the frequency bands below 512 MHz.

You are specifically concerned about the impact of these changes on radio control (R/C) hobby users. Enclosed is a discussion paper concerning our proposals for the 72-76 MHz band. In short, we expect there would be no adverse impact on R/C operations because of any proposal contained in the Notice.

We are, of course, sensitive to the concerns of both users of private land mobile radio spectrum and R/C hobbyists. We will, therefore, take your concerns into account when we develop final rules in this proceeding. As indicated in the Notice, we remain convinced that without significant regulatory change in radio operations in the bands below 512 MHz, the quality of communications in the private land mobile radio services will continue to deteriorate to the point of endangering public safety and the national economy.

We want to thank you for your interest. Your letter will be included in the

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REMARKS: Direct response to constituents. Copy to
Washington, D.C. office.

MICHAEL BILIRAKIS
9TH DISTRICT, FLORIDA



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Dear Sir or Madam:

I am enclosing, for your review, a copy of comments which I received from several of my constituents.

In summary, they are concerned that the F.C.C. plans to create more land mobile frequencies by splitting them into narrower bandwidths and rearranging the band plan. If this is done many who own radio controlled models will lose not only the time enjoyed using these models, but the money that was invested in the purchasing of this expensive equipment.

I would appreciate your thorough review of the attached comments. Please forward your response directly to my constituents.

I would also be grateful if you would send a copy of your response to my Washington, D.C. office.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Michael Bilirakis
Member of Congress

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Honorable Congressman Michael Bilirakis
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Dear Mr Bioirakis,

I am retired and derive many hours of enjoyment from constructing and operating radio controlled model airplanes. I have been interested in aviation for as long as i can remember. I am very active in two local clubs whose members enjoy constructing and operating radio controlled model airplanes and helicopters.

I am very concerned about proposed rules that are currently under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). The proceeding is PB Docket 92-235

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January 29, 1993

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Honorable Congressman Michael Bilirakis
4111 Land of Lakes Blvd., Suite 306
Land of Lakes, Florida 34639

Dear Congressman Bilirakis:

Re: PR Docket 92-235

I have been interested in aviation for several years. I am active in my local club and enjoy building and flying radio controlled airplanes.

I am very concerned about the proposed rules that are currently under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). The proceeding is PR Docket 92-235. If adopted, the new rules will greatly reduce the usability of frequencies currently assigned for model use and increase the risk of accidents and attendant liability.

radio control modelers. We may not be as important as the business users of radios, but we have a considerable investment in our models and radio equipment. The hobby has provided me and my family with many hours of enjoyment and contributes to the advancement and development of the commercial aviation industry.

Please help me continue the safe enjoyment of my pastime by not allowing the FCC to carry out its proposals for the 72-76 MHz band.

Sincerely,

Carol A. Boyd

Carol A. Boyd
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Tampa, Florida 33612

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Honorable Congressman Michael Bilirakis
4111 Land of Lakes Blvd.
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Dear Sir

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Honorable Congressman
Michael Bilirakis
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Sand of Lakes, Fl. 34639

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Dear Sir:

I am retired and derive many hours of
enjoyment from constructing and operating radio
controlled model airplanes. I am working on a project

Conditions of the land mobile radio users
at the expense of radio control modelers.

Brandon, FL 33510

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Hon. Congressman Michael Bilirakis
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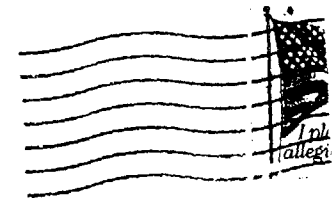
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Dear Mr. Bilirakis:

I have been interested in aviation for as long as I can remember. I am very active in a local club whose members enjoy constructing and operating radio controlled model airplanes. I am very concerned about proposed rules that are currently under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC"). The proceeding is PR Docket 92-235. If adopted, the new rules will greatly reduce the usability of frequencies currently assigned for model use and increase the risk of accidents and attendant liability for controlling model airplanes.

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Brandon, FL 33510



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Hon. Congressman Michael Bilirakis
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Dear Mr. Bilirakis:

I have been interested in aviation for as long as I can remember. I am very active in a local club whose members enjoy constructing and operating radio controlled model airplanes. I am very concerned about proposed rules that are currently under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC"). The proceeding is PR Docket 92-235. If adopted, the new rules will greatly reduce the usability of frequencies currently assigned for model use and increase the risk of accidents and attendant liability for controlling model airplanes.

Our radio control frequencies are in the 72-76 MHz band. This band is currently assigned for model use and is being considered for other purposes.

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Charles A. Bolduc III
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February 1, 1993

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The Honorable Sam M. Gibbons
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Gibbons:

do not think it is wise of the FCC to seek to improve the conditions of land mobile radio users at the expense of control modelers. The FCC may not think we are as important as users of radios, but we have a considerable investment in our and in our radio equipment. The hobby provides many hours of ment to the thousands of people like myself and contributes to advancement and development of the commercial aviation industry.

Please help me continue the safe enjoyment of my pastime by not allowing the FCC to carry out its proposals for the 72-76 MHz band.

Sincerely,

Charles A. Bolduc III
Charles A. Bolduc III

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January 30, 1993

The Honorable John Mica
U. S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Mica:

Being active in the sport of radio controlled (R/C) model aircraft, I am very much concerned about proposed rules that are currently under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). The proceeding is PR Docket 92-235. If adopted the new rules will affect the usability of frequencies now assigned to our use and will greatly increase the risk of accidents due to frequency overlap.

Our radio frequencies are in the 72 - 76 MHz band. This band is used for both R/C model aircraft and private mobile dispatch operations. However, the frequencies in this band are currently far enough apart that conflict does not occur.

Now the FCC wants to create more mobile frequencies by splitting them into very narrow bandwidths and inserting them between existing R/C and mobile frequencies. This will effectively make at least 31 of the 50 R/C frequencies dangerous to use.

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Honorable Congressman Michael Bilirakis
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Subject: FCC Proposal PR Docket 92-235

I am a consulting engineer approaching retirement this year and have been looking forward for several years to enjoying my hobby, Radio Controlled Model Airplanes. I have followed the hobby of Model Aviation since the age of ten. For the past 15 years my interest has been in the building and flying of Radio Controlled Aircraft and I

expensive radio gear now in use.

We modelers go to great lengths to assure the safety of the operators and bystanders and the protection of property. We carefully coordinate the use of the radio control frequencies. If the FCC reduces the number of usable frequencies as proposed, the remaining frequencies will become congested thus greatly reducing the margin of safety.

Please note that many of the models have wing spans up to 10 feet and weigh as much as 30 or 40 pounds, and are expensive to build; but more to the point, they are capable of causing property damage, serious injury, or worse, if radio interference causes the operator to lose control of the craft. We often fly our models at organized events and contests where hundreds of operators participate. We need the use of our full complement of radio frequencies in order to assure a safe flying environment.

It is unwise for the FCC to seek to improve the operations conditions of land mobile radio users at the expense of radio control modelers, in my opinion. I am a member of an organized club numbering over 100 members in the Tampa area and my club is only one of many in the area. While the FCC may see us as less important than business users of radios, we have a considerable investment in our models and in our radio equipment. The hobby provides many hours of enjoyment to hundreds of thousands of people like myself while contributing to the advancement and development of the commercial aviation industry.

Please help me continue the safe enjoyment of my pastime by not allowing the FCC to carry out its proposals for the 72-76 MHz band.

Sincerely,

Leonard R. Smith
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